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(*b*) whether the same facility will be extended for the purchase of handloom cloth to encourage handloom industry which is suffering owing to the competition of machine made goods;

(*c*) if not the reasons for the same?

A.—Smt. LEELAVATI MAGADI VENKTESH (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) Does not arise.
(*c*) Does not arise.

Delay in giving effect to the revised Scales of Pay in the Agriculture Department.

Q.—7. Sri K. KENCHAPPA (Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in a number of cases in the Agriculture Department, the G.O. dated 1st January 1957 has not been given effect to and the cases are pending in the Director's Office though they were submitted by the Subordinate Officers long back ;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the hardship caused to the Non-Gazetted officials since their pay has not been fixed so far;

(*c*) the difficulties confronting the Director of Agriculture in disposing of these claims for the last 2½ years ;

(*d*) the number of persons in the Agriculture Department whose pay has not been fixed so far under the said G.O.;

(*e*) whether they have fixed any time limit to dispose of their cases ;

(*f*) the time required to dispose of these pending cases by the Director of Agriculture ?

A.—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise in view of replies to (*a*) and (*b*) above.
(*d*) Not known.
(*e*) Time limit to exercise option for revised scales of pay and D. A. has been extended up to 30th June 1960. Till then the officials have time for exercising their option. Unless the officials opt out to the new scales of pay and Dearness Allowance, their pay cannot be fixed in the revised scale.
(*f*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*e*) above.

Nomination of the Chairman of Village Panchayets on the Committees of N.E.S. or C.D. Blocks.

Q.—9. Sri K. KENCHAPPA (Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chairman of each Village Panchayet is on the committee of N.E.S. or C.D. Block;

(*b*) the number of blocks in which they are not members of the said Committees ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that due to non-inclusion of the Chairmen of the Village Panchayets the details of work to be carried in each village have not come to the notice of the Committee and their work has been hampered to a great extent ;

(*d*) whether they will at least now include the Chairman of each Village Panchayet on the Committee of N.E S. or C.D. Blocks ?

A.—Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development) :—

(*a*) In every Block Development Committee, Chairmen of seven Village Panchayats in the block area are nominated.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

(*d*) It has been prescribed that Chairman/Sarpanch of seven Village Panchayats in a Block area should be

nominated, by designation, to the Block Development Committee. The Deputy Commissioners are also empowered to increase the number of non officials (of all categories including Chairman/Sarpanch of Village Panchayats and excluding M.L.A.'s and M.P.'s) in Block Development Committee up to 20-22 so as to give adequate representation to the entire Block area. When there are no Panchayats in a Block area, the Deputy Commissioners are authorised to nominate leading public workers in place of the members of Village Panchayats. In selecting the non-officials members of all categories (*i.e* , including Chairmen of Village Panchayats/Sarpanchs) for nomination, the Deputy Commissioners, will, as far as possible, take care to see that there is at least one member from each of the Gramasevak circle so that there may be a fair representation for all the areas covered by the Block.

The Block Development Committees will be replaced in due course by the elected Taluk Boards. In the case of Sarpanchs/Chairmen of abolished Village Panchayats who are members of the exis ing Block Development Committees instructions have been issued to continue them on the Block Development Committees in their personal capacity.

Granting of Pay Scale of clerks to shroffs in Taluk Treasuries.

Q.—12. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they propose to grant to the shroffs in taluk treasuries, the scales of pay and grades given to the clerks ;

(*b*) whether they intend to grant them at least now the grade pay of Rs. 50-3-80-4-120 ?

A.—Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Prevention of Shanbhogs and Patels to contest the ensuing elections to Local Bodies.

Q.—28. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have notified that Patels and Shanbhogs are not entitled to contest ensuing elections for Group Panchayats and Taluk Boards ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that this has caused discontentment among the people throughout the Sta e ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Thefts in the Timber Depots in North Kanara District.

Q.—30. Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total quantity of timber stolen from Dandeli Government Depot, Kurwatti Government Depot, and other Government Depots in North Kanara after the integration till now and their value ;

(*b*) the action they have taken in the matter ;

(*c*) the action they propose to take to prevent such thefts in future ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*)—

Name of the Depot.	*Quantity of timber stolen*	*Value of timber stolen*
Dandeli Government Depot	27 rejected teak pieces	Rs 750
Kurwatti Govement Depot	Nil	Nil
Other Government Depots	Nil	Nil

(*b*) The case has been handed over to the Anti-Corruption Department.